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#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Stage Appln. of	)
Lutz Axel MAY et al.	) Art Unit: Unassigned
Serial No.: 10/529,326	) Examiner: Unassigned
Filing Date: March 25, 2005	) Confirmation No.: 8656
I.A. No. PCT/EP03/10634	) Attorney Docket No. 119508-00282
I.A. Filing Date: September 24, 2003	)
Priority Date: September 25, 2002	)
For: TORQUE SIGNAL TRANSMISSION	)

## **DECLARATION OF STEPHEN U. HARDERS**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office, dated August 31, 2005, and in support of the accompanying Petition Under Rule 1.47(b), the undersigned declares as follows:

- 1. I, Stephen U. Harders, am a citizen of the United States and am over 18 years old. I am the Assistant Secretary of Abas, Inc., which is a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 7401 W. Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60706.
- 2. On information and belief, Fast Technology AG, which was a Germany company with a principal place of business at Gewerbegebiet Riemerling, Otto-Hahn-Strasse 24, 85521 Ottobrunn, Germany, filed for bankruptcy sometime in 2002 or 2003.

- 3. In accordance with German law, I understand that subsequent to Fast Technology AG declaring bankruptcy, Dr. Hans von Gleichenstein was appointed by a German court to be the receiver and trustee of the assets owned by Fast Technology AG. Among the assets received by and in trust to Dr. von Gleichenstein was, inter alia, the international application PCT/EP03/10634, which formed the basis for filing of the above-cited patent application under 35 U.S.C. § 371. Exhibit A contains a list of the Fast Technology AG assets received in trust by Dr. von Gleichenstein; that list shows international application PCT/EP03/10634 on page 3 of the "List B" table.
- On August 22, 2003, Magna-Lastic Devices, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of 4. Methode Electronics, Inc., entered into a contract with Dr. von Gleichenstein to purchase the intellectual property assets of Fast Technology AG Dr. von Gleichenstein sold those purchased assets to Magna-Lastic Devices, Inc.
- 5. The named inventor on the above-cited patent application is Lutz Axel May, a German citizen. On information and belief, Mr. May's last known address is Wolfratshauser Strasse 23a, Gelting, 82538, Germany. That German address is listed on the published PCT application. The previous known address for Mr. May is believed to be 3 The Grange, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 6RJ, Great Britain. On information and belief, Mr. May may also be reached through his German attorney, Dr. Axel-Michael Wagner, of Peters, Schonberger & Partner, Schackstrasse 2, Munich, 80539, Germany. Mr. May is also listed on a web site as the Director of NCTEngineering GmbH, located at the address Erlenhof-Park, Inselkammerstr. 10, 82008 Unterhaching, Germany.
- 6. On information and belief, Mr. May had been an employee of Fast Technology AG when it entered the aforementioned German bankruptcy proceeding, and, as such, had regularly assigned inventor's oaths and assignment documents for patent applications for his inventions to Fast Technologies AG.
- 7. In the course of prosecuting the above-cited patent application, Abas, Inc., attempted, both through Dr. von Gleichenstein and through its private Germany attorneys, to

obtain Mr. May's signature on an assignment document and a Declaration for Patent and Power of Attorney form. Upon advice of his own counsel, Mr. May has refused and continues to refuse to execute those documents, despite having previously assigned many other patents and patent applications to Fast Technology AG (the refusal was given orally to Abas, Inc.'s German counsel). On information and belief, Mr. May pursued all of his patents through his patent attorneys and consistently named Fast Technology AG as the assignee. Upon inspection of other Lutz May patent applications owned by Abas, Inc., Mr. May appears to have rendered his signature freely on the Declaration for Patent and Power of Attorney forms and assignment documents in favor of Fast Technology AG whenever it became necessary to submit those documents in the course of prosecution of those other patent applications. I am not aware of any legal grounds for Mr. May refusing to sign the Declaration for Patent and assignment document in this case, as he has done in the other cases.

- 8. On information and belief, a complete copy of the above-cited application, including the specification, claims, drawings, and any amendments, was sent to Mr. May for his review along with the Declaration for Patent and Power of Attorney form and assignment document.
- 9. Magna-Lastic Devices, Inc., purchased the Fast Technology AG assets from Dr. von Gleichenstein in good faith believing that Dr. von Gleichenstein had received ownership of the assets and that Mr. May had properly assigned his rights, title, and interests in and to the patents and patent applications to Fast Technology AG. Subsequently, Dr. von Gleichenstein assigned the rights to Abas, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Methode Electronics, Inc., at the behest of Methode Electronics, Inc.
- 10. Abas, Inc., through its local German counsel, has taken steps to obtain Mr. May's signature on the Declaration for Patent and Power of Attorney form for the present application, including filing a suit against Mr. May in German court. Abas, Inc., has obtained an opinion of its local German counsel that there is a strong likelihood that a court of competent jurisdiction will, by weight of the authority, order Mr. May to execute the required documents, including execution of an assignment document to clarify ownership of the above-cited patent application,

the assignment document conveying all his rights, title, and interests to Abas, Inc., or to Dr. von Gleichenstein, who had transferred ownership of the above-cited international patent application to Abas, Inc.

11. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted.

Stephen U. Harders

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Date: Oct 27, 2005

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**EXHIBIT A** 

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#### DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned 37 CFR § 1.47(b) applicant, a representative of the owner of the instant application, ABAS, Inc., acting on behalf of and as agent for the nonsigning inventor. Lutz Axel May, hereby declares that:

I believe that Lutz Axel May, a citizen of Germany, is an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled TORQUE SIGNAL TRANSMISSION, the specification of which

is attached hereto				<i>,</i> 1, 2, 1
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l acknowledge the di available between the filing da	uty to disclose information whice te of the prior application and the	ch is ie na	material to patentability as defined in 37 tional or PCT International filing date of the	CFR §1.56 which became als application.

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith: Victor M. Wigman, Reg. No. 25,201; George C. Myers, Jr., Reg. No. 27,040; Michael C. Greenbaum, Reg. No. 28,419; Charles R. Wolfe, Jr., Reg. No. 28,680; Michael D. White, Reg. No. 32,795; David J. Edmondson, Reg. No. 35,126; Evan R. Smith, Reg. No. 35,683; Brian C. Jones, Reg. No. 37,857; Peter Weissman, Reg. No. 40,220; Denise C. Lane-White, Reg. No. 42,780; Tara L. Hoffman, Reg. No. 46,510; Brian Wm. Higgins, Reg. No. 48,443; Minh-Quan K. Pham, Reg. No. 50,594.

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I, the undersigned, certify that I am an individual empowered to act on behalf of Abas, Inc.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001, of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date Signed

By: Stephen U. Harders

Its: Assistant Secretary

# **ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, FAST Technology AG, a Germany company, having a principal place of business at Gewerbegebiet Riemerling, Otto-Hahn-Strasse 24, 85521 Ottobrunn, Germany, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, is the owner by assignment of the U.S. and foreign patent properties identified in Appendix A hereto (hereinafter referred to as the PATENT PROPERTIES).

WHEREAS, Abas, Incorporated, a Delaware corporation, having a principal place of business at 7401 W. Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60706, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same in the United States and around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor, by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said Patent Properties identified in the attached Appendix A throughout the United States of America and the world, including any and all United States Letters Patent granted on any division, continuation, continuation-in-part and reissue of said Patent Properties; including the right to sue for past infringement; the right to apply for patents and inventor certificates in respect thereof and to claim priority pursuant to rights accorded Assignor under the terms of the Paris International Convention and all other available international conventions and treaties; and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents, patents of addition, utility models, patents of importation, revalidation patents and inventor certificates which may be granted throughout the world in respect of said Patent Properties.

ALSO, Assignor hereby agrees to execute any documents that legally may be required in connection with the filing, prosecution and maintenance of said application or any other patent application(s) or inventor certificate(s) in the United States and in foreign countries for said PATENT PROPERTIES, including additional documents that may be reasonably required to affirm the rights of Assignee in and to said PATENT PROPERTIES, all without further consideration. Assignor also agrees, without further consideration and at Assignee's expense, to identify and communicate to Assignee at Assignee's reasonable request documents and information concerning the PATENT PROPERTIES that are within Assignor's possession or control, and to

provide further assurances and testimony on behalf of Assignee that lawfully may be required of Assignor in respect of the prosecution, maintenance and defense of any patent application or patent encompassed within the terms of this instrument. Assignor's obligations under this instrument shall extend to Assignor's heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives.

ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner for Patents to issue any and all United States Letters Patent referred to above to ASSIGNEE, as the ASSIGNEE of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for ASSIGNEE's sole use and behalf; and for the use and behalf of ASSIGNEE's legal representatives and successors, to the full end of the term for which such Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made.

ASSIGNOR authorizes any member of the firm of Blank Rome LLP to insert or complete any information in this document needed to effect its recordal in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

FAST Technology AG

[Signature]

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Authorized Agent

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## DECLARATION OF DR. ALEXANDER STRAUS

- I, Alexander Straus, Ph.D., a citizen of Germany, am a Partner in the national Patent Law firm of Becker · Kurig · Straus, which is a partnership according to the German Civil Code. I reside in the firm's Munich office where I am the head of the Biotech Department. As a German and European Patent Attorney, I am licensed to practice patent law in Germany and before the European Patent Office as well as before the Community Trademark Office in Alicante (Spain). I have over 13 years of experience in the field of intellectual property rights and am familiar with the United States Patent & Trademark Office's (USPTO) rules of practice and procedure, patent regulations, and patent laws.
- 2. I have been asked to provide this declaration on behalf of Magna-lastic Devices, Inc., and Abas Inc., which I understand will be filed in the USPTO in connection with one or more patent applications owned by Abas, Inc.
- 3. Magna-Lastic Devices purchased the intellectual property rights of a German company, FAST Technology AG, which had become bankrupt and was put under receivership in accordance with German law. Dr. Hans von Gleichenstein, from the Law Office Gleichenstein & Breitling, Rottmannstrasse 11A, 80333 München, had been appointed liquidator.
- 4. In collecting money for the debitors of FAST Technology AG, Dr. von Gleichenstein offered all assets, material and immaterial, for sale. Magna-lastic Devices, Inc., made a bid for the intellectual property rights of FAST Technology AG, including patents, patent applications and trademarks. That bid was eventually accepted by Dr. von Gleichenstein in August 2003. Annex I is a copy of the sales and transfer agreement signed by Dr. von Gleichenstein and a representative of Magna-lastic Devices, Inc., indicating the date of signature and the intellectual property rights concerned as identified in the exhibits of the agreement. Among the patents/patent applications purchased by Magna-lastic Devices, Inc., from Dr. von Gleichenstein are the following properties identified by attorney docket numbers and International Application publication numbers:

European Attorney Docket No.	International Application No.	U.S. Attorney Docket No.	U.S. Application Serial No.
51929US	PCT/EP03/09349	119508-00281	10/525,418
52016US	PCT/EP03/10634	119508-00282	10/529,326
52024US	PCT/EP02/08820	119508-00255	10/485,960
52025US	PCT/EP02/04871	119508-00103	10/477,180
52027US	PCT/EP02/06300	119508-00104	10/480,597
52059US	PCT/EP04/00044	119508-00297	10/546,169

- 5. As the European Patent Attorneys acting for Magna-lastic Devices, my firm assumed responsibility for the patents/patent applications purchased by Magna-Lastic Devices, Inc., including, inter alia, effecting a transfer of rights to Abas, Inc., and prosecuting the International Applications at the national/regional level by entering the European regional phase and the national stage at the USPTO. For doing the latter, we instructed Charles R. Wolfe, Jr., a Partner in the national law firm of Blank Rome, Washington, D.C., to take care of the U.S. national stage of the International patent applications. I understand that the serial numbers and docket numbers assigned to the U.S. applications are:
- 6. Mr. Wolfe sent us unexecuted Inventors Declarations and assignment documents for all of the U.S. patent applications, among those the aforementioned ones. We contacted the inventor, Mr. Lutz May, on February 19, 2004, to obtain his signature on documents to be signed. Even though in the past Lutz May had signed Inventors Declarations and assignment documents in several other cases, he refused to do so, including the two matters identified above.
- 7. I contacted Dr. von Gleichenstein on March 17, 2004, and requested that he take the necessary steps to acquire Lutz May's signatures. In a letter dated March 22, 2004, Dr. von Gleichenstein sent Lutz May a formal warning indicating that his refusal to sign might bring him near criminal acts, while setting a time limit for signing the papers to avoid litigation. A copy of the March 22, 2004, letter is attached as Annex II.

- 8. Lutz May responded, through his attorney, in a letter dated April 5, 2004 (a copy of which is attached as Annex III). In the letter, Lutz May essentially claims that he does not need to sign any papers, since during the time FAST Technology AG existed and filed patent applications derived from Lutz May, the formal provision of the German Inventors Employee Law had never been correctly observed, so that in consequence the inventions had never been transferred to FAST Technology AG.
- 9. In order to be able perfect title to the patent applications Magna-lastic Devices purchased from Dr. von Gleichenstein and transferred to Abas,Inc., Mr. Lutz May has been sued at the Civil Court in Munich, Germany, to compel his signature on the assignments.
- 10. The arguments with which Lutz May defends his position in this proceedings are twofold. First, he contends that the patent applications did not belong to FAST Technology AG and,
  consequently, could not be sold by Dr. von Gleichenstein to Magna-lastic Devices, Inc. Second,
  if the inventions were adjudicated as belonging to FAST Technology AG, the liquidator still
  could not have sold them, since the formal requirements of the German Employee Invention law
  in a bankruptcy situation had not been properly observed and Lutz May had not been properly
  remunerated.
- 11. It is Abas, Inc.'s position that Lutz May was both the inventor named in the applications and a member of the Management Board of FAST Technology AG, who was responsible for taking care of all the issues relating to inventions, namely communicating with external patent attorneys, filing applications in the name of FAST Technology AG, prosecuting the applications in the name of FAST Technology AG, and releasing payment of attorneys fees from FAST Technology AG. During his time as a FAST employee, he always performed as if the inventions belonged to FAST Technology AG, as evident, e.g., from the Powers of Attorney for the International applications in the present two files, which establishes that he signed on the one hand for the applicant (i.e., FAST Technology AG) in all states except the United States, while in the United States he himself signed. Also, he had all of the invoices paid by FAST Technology AG, and not by himself.

- 12. The lawsuit against Lutz May was filed on January 4, 2005, and is still pending. Lutz May's response to the lawsuit was received on February 21, 2005. The first oral hearing took place on June 9, 2005.
- 13. We contacted the inventor, Lutz May, through his attorney, on August 24, 2005, and again requested that Lutz May execute the aforementioned Inventors Declarations and assignment documents that Mr. Wolfe had sent us. We also provided Lutz May with copies of all of the relevant application papers (i.e., the specification, drawings, and claims, and any amendments made thereto) for his review. Annex IV is a copy of the courier receipt acknowledging receipt of the papers by Lutz May's attorneys. Annex V contains a copy of the papers that we provided to Lutz May, through his attorney, for the two U.S. applications listed above.
- 14. Lutz May responded, through his attorney, in a letter dated August 30, 2005 (a copy of which is attached as Annex VI). In the letter, Lutz May's attorney contends that not all of the file wrapper papers were provided. While this is in fact true, we did provide to him the relevant application papers, as noted above and shown in Annex V. Also in the letter, Lutz May's attorney contends that he would need to have a U.S. attorney review the papers in depth before responding further. The U.S. application is the same as the corresponding PCT application (both of which are in English so there is no translation problems), and the Preliminary Amendments only changed the multi-dependent claims to be singularly dependent and corrected grammatical errors. Thus, an in-depth analysis is not required in order to execute the Inventors Declarations.
- 15. Based on the above facts, factual proof exists that Lutz May refuses to execute the application or cannot be reached after diligent efforts. A boni fide attempt was made to present the application papers, including the specification, claims, and drawings, to Lutz May, as evident in the delivery receipts attached hereto. Lutz May's refusal to execute the papers is evident in the letters attached hereto. The transfer of ownership of the patents/patent applications purchased by Magna-Lastic Devices, Inc., is evident in the sales and transfer agreement attached hereto.
- 16. The following Annexes are included as part of this Declaration:
  - Annex I: Sales and Transfer Agreement;
  - b. Annex II: March 22, 2004, letter from Dr. von Gleichenstein to Lutz May;

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- c. Annex III: April 5, 2004, letter from Lutz May's attorney to Dr. Straus;
- d. Annex IV: Delivery receipts;
- e. Annex V: Copy of application papers sent to Lutz May; and
- f. Annex VI: August 30, 2005, letter from Lutz May's attorney to Dr. Straus.
- 17. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like may be punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under German and United States law.

October 20, 2005

Respectfully submitted.

By: Dr. Alexander Straus.

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# ANNEX I

# DR. HANS VON GLEICHENSTEIN IN HIS CAPACITY AS INSOLVENCY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF FAST TECHNOLOGIES AG

AND

MAGNA-LASTIC DEVICES, INC.

SALE AND TRANSFER AGREEMENT

FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS
OF FAST TECHNOLOGIES AG

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#### SALE and TRANSFER AGREEMENT

#### between

Dr. Hans von Gleichenstein in his capacity as insolvency administrator of the estate of FAST Technology AG, Otto-Hahn-Strasse 24, Gewerbegebiet Riemerling, 85521 Ottobrunn, Germany

"Seller"

and

Magna-lastic Devices, Inc., 111 W. Buchanan Street, Carthage, IL 62321, United States of America

"Purchaser"

The Seller is insolvency administrator over the estate of FAST Technology AG ("FAST AG"), a stock corporation with its seat in Munich, Germany which was engaged, in particular, in the development and manufacture of non-contact sensors used to measure torque.

FAST AG has two subsidiaries, Fast Technology Limited with its seat in Newbury Berks, United Kingdom and FAST Technology L.L.C. with its seat in Livonia, Michigan (together the "FAST Subsidiaries").

The Purchaser, a subsidiary of Methode Electronics Inc., is also engaged in the field of torque sensing and control technology and is interested in gaining an undisputed prevailing ownership in the intellectual property rights which are relevant for its business.

Now, therefore, the Seller wishes to sell and the Purchaser wishes to purchase all IP Rights as defined below.

#### 1. SALE AND TRANSFER

The Seller hereby sells and transfers to the Purchaser with effect as of 31 August 2003 (the "Effective Date") all patents, utility models, registered designs, trade marks, logos and know-how (in particular specific knowledge which has not yet been made available to the public) as well as similar intellectual property rights, whether registered or not, of FAST AG, together with all rights from applications for registration of such rights (together the "IP Rights"). In particular but without limitation thereto, the Seller sells and transfers to the Purchaser the IP Rights listed in Exhibit 1.1 whereby the sale and transfer of each of the IP

Rights under Nos. 21, 32 and 34 of the list titled "Summary of Cases" in Exhibit 1.1 (the "IP List") is subject to the dissolving condition (auflösenden Bedingung) that the respective Employee Inventor as defined in Clause 3.2 exercises his statutory pre-emption right (as set out in Clause 3 below). The Purchaser accepts this sale and transfer. To the extent that the transfer of legal title cannot be effected by the Effective Date, as between the parties, they shall put each other in a position they would have been in if the transfer had been effected by the Effective Date.

- 1.2 The IP Rights sold and transferred also include all inventions, business secrets, procedures, formulae and all technical know-how, exclusive and non-exclusive rights to use copy rights (Nutzungsrechte) including the right to use software developed in-house (for example by employees) (but excluding software licences from third parties), regardless of whether they are legally protected or not, including all their embodiments, such as for example drawings, records, including data available on files, other computer-readable media or other documentation relating to the IP Rights of FAST AG (all embodiments together the "IP Documentation").
- 1.3 In relation to the IP Rights sold and transferred under this Agreement, in particular those listed under Nos. 1, 2, 13, 30, 31 and 32 of the IP List, which are currently not yet owned by and/or not yet registered in the name of FAST AG, but for the transfer of which FAST AG has a legally valid claim against the respective inventors or any other third party (pursuant to contracts or otherwise), the Seller hereby sells and transfers these claims to the Purchaser. To the extent a sale and transfer of such claims is not legally possible, the Seller shall use all reasonable efforts to effect the legally valid registration of such rights for the Purchaser.
- 1.4 In relation to the IP Rights owned by FAST Subsidiaries, if any, the Seller will use its best efforts to procure that the FAST Subsidiaries transfer the relevant IP Rights to the Purchaser on or before 31 October 2003.
- 1.5 For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the sale and transfer of the IP Rights under this Agreement does not include the sale and transfer of any tangible assets (e.g. machines and equipment, technical facilities, trade and business fixtures, inventory) nor, with the exception of the IP Rights as defined and specified in Clauses 1.1 to 1.4 hereof, does it include the sale of any intangible assets; in particular, it does not include the sale and transfer of any customer relations or of contractual relationships of any kind such as supply, agency or lease agreements. Furthermore, the Parties agree that the sale and transfer of the IP Rights does not include the transfer of any employment relationship existing between FAST AG and any of its employees.
- 1.6 The Seller is obliged to give all declarations and perform all acts necessary to effect the change of registration of the IP Rights in the relevant registers to the Purchaser. A draft form

of such a consent declaration to the change of registration of the IP Rights is attached as <u>Exhibit 1.6</u>. The Purchaser shall submit to the Seller suitable assignment forms for each of the relevant registered IP Rights. The Seller shall present to the Purchaser the duly signed forms legalised by a public notary (with apostille affixed to the extent required by law) within 10 business days after receipt of the draft forms from the Purchaser.

1.7 As soon as possible following signature of this Agreement, the Seller shall submit to the Purchaser the IP Documentation. Furthermore, the Seller shall assist the Purchaser as much as reasonable possible, until the full transfer of title to the IP Rights will have been effected, to safeguard the protection of the IP Rights. In particular, the Seller will undertake all necessary steps to procure that all relevant applications for the prolongation of any IP Rights are made in due time.

#### 2. PURCHASE PRICE

- 2.1 The purchase price amounts to EUR; subject to a purchase price reduction pursuant to Clause 3.3 (the "Purchase Price").
- 2.2 A partial purchase price of EUR (subject to Clauses 3.3 and 3.4 below) (the "First Partial Purchase Price") is due for payment to the Seller on the Effective Date.
- 2.3 A partial purchase price of EUR (subject to Clauses 3.3 and 3.4 below) (the "Second Partial Purchase Price") shall be due for payment to the Seller 10 business days after the last of the IP Rights listed in Exhibit 1.1, including in particular the IP Rights listed under Nos. 1, 2, 13, 30, 31 and 32 of the IP List have been legally valid registered in the name of the Purchaser, at the latest, however, on 1 September 2005.
- 2.4 Payments to the Seller shall be made to the following Seller's account:

Account Holder: Hans von Gleichenstein

Account No.: 7513104
Bank: Deutsche Bank
Sorting code: 700 700 24

Reference: "Kaufpreis für IP-Rechte an Herrn von Gleichenstein in seiner Eigenschaft als

Insolvenzverwalter der Fast Technologies AG"

# 3. EMPLOYEE INVENTION (*ARBEITNEHMERERFINDUNG*) AND PURCHASE PRICE ADJUSTMENT

- 3.1 The Seller undertakes to procure that all employees who have made service inventions (Diensterfindungen) as defined in Section 4 Employee Inventors' Act (Arbeitnehmer-erfindungsgesetz) ("AFG") during the term of their employment with FAST AG, unless they have already done so, will duly notify the Seller of such inventions pursuant to Section 5 AFG prior to the Effective Date and the Seller will fully claim the rights under the inventions pursuant to Section 6 ss AFG. The Seller undertakes to use all reasonable efforts in order to procure that the legal assignment and registration of these rights for FAST AG and, ultimately, the Purchaser, is achieved without undue delay after signature of this Agreement.
- 3.2 The Purchaser is aware that the sold IP Right(s) listed under Nos. 21, 32 and 34 of the IP List are based on employees service inventions (*Diensterfindungen*) and are therefore subject to a statutory pre-emption right for the benefit of the respective employee inventor (the "Employee Inventors") pursuant to Section 27 para. 2 AFG to the effect that Georg Cuntze has a pre-emption right (*Vorkaufsrecht*) in respect of the IP Rights listed under Nos 21 and 32 of the IP List and David Kelly has a pre-emption right in respect of the IP Right listed under No. 34 of the IP List. The Seller undertakes to send a copy of this agreement to the Employee Inventors without undue delay after signature of this Agreement.
- 3.3 The Seller shall notify the Purchaser as soon as he has received notice from an Employee Inventor that he exercises his statutory pre-emption right. If such right is exercised, the Purchase Price is reduced by the purchase price payable by the Employee Inventor pursuant to Section 467 of the German Civil Code (the "Purchase Price Reduction Amount").
- 3.4 The Purchase Price Reduction Amount shall reduce the Second Partial Purchase Price. If the First Partial Purchase Price has already been paid to the Seller by the time the Purchase Price Reduction Amount becomes due, repayments thereof only become due if and to the extent the Purchase Price Reduction Amount exceeds the amount of the Second Partial Purchase Price.

#### 4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

4.1 The Purchaser has inspected the IP files available for FAST AG and compiled the information included in Exhibit 1.1. The Purchaser therefore has detailed knowledge about the IP Rights to be sold and their current legal status. The Seller does not give any representation or warranty in respect of the IP Rights, the IP Documentation or otherwise in respect of legal circumstances or effects described in this Agreement. In particular, the

Seller does not assume any liability for the existence of and ownership to the IP Rights listed in Exhibit 1.1.

4.2 Furthermore, all statutory warranty claims or other statutory or contractual claims for damages of the Purchaser out of or in connection with this Agreement, except for any claims which are based on gross negligence or wilful acts of the Seller, are excluded.

#### 5. FUTURE BUSINESS - LICENSES

- 5.1 The Parties agree that, also after the sale and transfer of the IP Rights under this Agreement has become effective, the Seller may freely sell and transfer assets of FAST AG (other than the IP Rights and the IP Documentation sold and transferred to the Purchaser under this Agreement) to any third party, whether by selling and transferring individual assets or by transferring the whole business of FAST AG and that any such sale and transfer, even if this includes inventory which has been produced under exploitation of the IP Rights sold hereunder, shall in no event be construed as an infringement of the IP Rights.
- 5.2 Following the transfer of the IP Rights to the Purchaser as set out in this Agreement, in line with its business policy, the Purchaser will continue offering licenses for the use of its intellectual property rights including the IP Rights acquired hereunder under its standard terms and conditions. On that basis, the Purchaser is willing to enter into negotiations in view of a potential license of the IP Rights subject to such standard terms and conditions to qualifying former customers of FAST AG (in particular with Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company).

#### 6. COSTS

All costs arising in connection with this Agreement, in particular all costs arising from the transfer of the IP Right to the Purchaser and the respective change of registration shall be borne by the Purchaser. For the avoidance of doubt, the Seller shall not bear any costs for the estate of FAST AG in connection with the fulfilment of his obligations pursuant to this Agreement, in particular in connection with his obligations pursuant to Clauses 1.6 and 1.7 hereof.

#### 7. FINAL PROVISIONS

- 7.1 This Agreement contains all agreements reached between the Parties. There are no side agreements.
- Any amendments or supplements to this Agreement as well as the waiver of any rights under this Agreement shall be in writing to be effective unless notarisation is required. This also applies to any amendment to, or cancellation of, this written form clause.

- 7.3 This Agreement is governed by German law. The place of exclusive jurisdiction for all disputes between the Parties arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or regarding its validity is Munich.
- Should a provision of this Agreement or a provision included in this Agreement at a later 7.4 point in time be or become invalid or null and void as a whole or in part, or should a gap in this Agreement become evident, this does not affect the validity of the remaining provisions. The invalid or null and void provision is replaced, or the gap is filled in, respectively, with effect ex tunc by such valid regulation which in legal and economic terms comes closest to what the Parties intended or would have intended in accordance with the purpose of this Agreement if they had considered the point at the time of conclusion of this Agreement.

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#### SUMMARY OF CASES

#### TSIC. IC Patent, Electronics Patent, Torque Sensor IF (FT Case Ref:1) **(f.**)

**U8 Patent Nb:** 

6,346,812

Assignees:

Fast Technology GmbH & Fast Technology AG

inventors:

Lutz May, Adrian Paul Brokaw

Assignment from Adrian Paul Brokaw to Fast Technology GmbH recorded at USPTO on

16 February 2001;

Assignment from Lutz May to Fast Technology AG recorded at USPTO on 5 December 2001.

Japanese Patent Application No: 10-548920

Applicant:

Lutz Axel May

European Matent No: 0981760

Patentee:

Fast Technology AG

Italy, Spain, Germany, Sweden, France and the United Kingdom

Assignment from original applicant Lutz May to Fest Technology AG recorded at EPO on 19 November 2001.

#### Torque/Force Base Patent (FT Case Ref.2) 2

US 6581480 US Patent Application No: 09/673930 Inventors/Applicants: Lutz May, N

Lutz May, Neil Brodey, John Owsley Assignment from Lutz May to Fast Technology AG dated 12 February 2003, assignment from Nell Brodey to Fast Technology AG dated 21 March 2003; STILL AWAITING ASSIGNMENT FROM JOHN OWSLEY - Not received by Lloyd Wise as of 7 August 2003 despite numerous reminders both by telephone and facelmile/mail - No assignments yet recorded at USPTO.

Japanese Patent Application No: 2000-546211 Applicant:

Fast Technology GmbH

European Patent Application No: 98907770.4 Applicant: Fast Technology AG

#### Automatic Gain Control (FT Case Ref. 3) 3.

US Patent Application No: 09/937,230

Fast Technology GmbH Assignee:

inventors Lutz May. John Owsley

Assignment recorded at USPTO on 2 January 2003.

Japanese Patent Application No: 2000-606976 Fast Technology AG **Applicant** 

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European Palent Application No: 00012776.2
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

israeli Patant Application No: 145533 Applicant: Fast Technology AG

### 4. Torque and Speed Sensor (FT Case Ref. 4)

US Patent Application No: 09/937,638
Assignee: Fast Technology GmbH
Lutz May, John Owsley
Assignment recorded at USPTO on 2 January 2002

Japanese Patent Application No: 2000-608152
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

European Patent Application No: 9907130.0
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

Israeli Patest Application No: 145534
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

### 5. Londitudinal (Toroid) L1 Disc (FT Case Ref:5)

US Patent Application No: 10/049,323

Assignee: Fast Technology AG

Lutz May

Assignment recorded at USPTO on 14 May 2002.

Japanese Patent Application No: 2001-517133
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

European Patent Application No: 00953303,5
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

Israeli Patent Application No: 148017
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

## 6a. Disc Sensor (FT Case Ref:5a)

US Patent Application No: 10/048322
Assignee: Fast Technology AG
Inventors: Lutz May
Assignment recorded at USPTO on 14 May 2002.

Japanese Patent Application No: 2001-517134
Applicant Fast Technology AG

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European Parent Application No: 00953308.4
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

Israeli Patent Application No: 148016
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

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#### 6. Accelerometer (FT Case Ref.6)

US Patent Application No: 10/110,007

Assignee: Fast Technology AG

Inventors: Lutz May

Assignment recorded at USPTO on 14 May 2003.

Japanese Patent Application No: 2001-530597
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

European Patent Application No: 00971325.A Applicant: Fast Technology AG

Israell Patent Application No: 148957
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

## 7. Strong Ambient Field Sensor (FT Case Ref:7)

US Patent Application No: 10/089,978
Assignee: Fast Technology AG
Lutz May
Assignment recorded at USPTO on 14 May 2002.

Japanese Fatent Application No: 2001-630548
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

European Patent Application No: 00972736.3
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

tsraell Patent Application No: 148954
Applicant: Fast Technology AG

# 8. Load Cell, Physical Force Sensing, Pressure Sensor (FT Case Ref.8)

US Patent Application No: 10/239,545
Assignee: Fast Technology AG
Inventors Lutz May
Assignment recorded at USPTO on 18 December 2002.

Japanese Patent Application No: 2001-571064
Applicant Fast Technology AG

European Patent Application No:

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Israeli Patent Application No: 151755

Applicant:

Fast Technology AG

Longitudinal Process RS (L2) (FT Case Ref.9) 9.

US Patent Application No: 10/257,337

Assignes:

Fast Technology AG

Inventore:

Lutz May

Assignment recorded at USPTO on 11 February 2003.

Japanese Patent Application No: 2001-576421

Applicant:

Fast Technology AG

European Patent Application No: 01931581.1

Applicant:

Fast Technology AG

Israeli Patent Application No: 152176

Applicant:

Fast Technology AG

10. (FT Case Ref:10) There are no active cases for this case, this being an investigation into a third party's patent some years ago.

Automatic Field Refresh Disc (FT Case Ref.11) 11.

US Patent Application No: 10/258,275

Assignee:

Fast Technology AG

Inventors:

Lutz May

Assignmen recorded at USPTO on 27 January 2003.

Japanese Patent Application No: 2001-586430

Applicant:

Fast Technology AG

European Patent Application No: 01943403.4

Applicant:

Fast Technology AG

Israell Patent Application No: 152142

Applicant:

Fast Technology AG

Axial Movement Compensating TS (FT Case Ref.12) 12

US Patent Application No: 10/297,980

Assignee:

Fast Technology AG

inventors

Lutz May

Assignment recorded at USPTO on 22 April 2003.

Japanese Patent Application No: 2002-510906

Applicant

Fast Technology AG

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European Petent Application No: 01960281,2 Fast Technology AG

Applicant

Israeli Paten Application No: 153088 Fast Technology AG

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Hollow Shaft (FT Case Ref.13)

US Patent Application No: to be advised - awaiting official filing receipt Inventor/Applicant: Luiz May

Assignment document from Lutz May to Fast Technology dated 21 March 2003 received by Lloyd Wise and forwarded to US attorney on 4 April 2003 - we are awaiting confirmation of recordal of the essignment from the USPTO.

Japanese Patent Application No: 2002-527746 Fast Technology AG Applicant:

European Patent Application No: 01982269.1 Fast Technology AG Applicant:

Israeli Patent Application No: 154855 Fast Technology AG Applicant:

Centre Magnet (FT Case Ref:14) 14.

International Patent Application No: PCT/EP02/00786

Fast Technology AG Applicant Lutz May Inventors

Fortable Sensor Unit (FT Case Ref;15) International Patent Application No: PCT/EP02/00784 Fast Technology AG

Applicant Inventors

Lutz May

Avial Shift Measurement (FT Case Ref.16) 16.

This case was cognated with the axial movement compensation TS case (case 12) as an International application - see case 12 above.

Angle Sensor (FT Case Ref:17) 17.

International Patent Application No: PCT/EP01/13698

Fast Technology AG Applicant

inventors:

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Hellosi Coil - L1 Magnetisation (FT Case Ref: 18) 18.

International Patent Application No:PCT/EP02/01225

Applicant:

Fast Technology AG

Inventors:

Lutz May

Automatic Gain Control Companyation (FT Case Ref.19) 19.

International Paient Application No:PCT/EP02/01704

**Applicant**:

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inventors:

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Maintenance Free High Precision Force Sensor (FT Case Ref:20) 20.

International Patent Application No: PCT/EP02/01230

Applicant

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Inventors:

Lutz May

Micro Coil Field Sensor (FT Case Ref.21) 21.

International Patent Application No: PCT/EP02/08820

Applicant Inventors:

Fast Technology AG Lutz May, Georg Cuntze

Plud Programmable Interface Unit (FT Case Ref.22) 22

International Patent Application No: PCT/EP02/04871

Applicant:

Fast Technology AG

Lutz May inventors:

Impact Torque Measurement (FT Case Ref.23)

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International Patent Application No: PCT/EP0

**Applicants** 

Fast Technology AG

Inventors: Lutz May

AC Disc Sensor - PM Magnetism (FT Case Ref:24) 24.

International Patent Application No: PCT/EP02/06300

Applicant

Fast Technology AG

Inventors

Lutz May

Debaussing Unit (FT Case Ref:25) 25.

This case has been abandoned.

Non-Encoded Sensor Host (FT Case Ref:26) 26.

Internetional Patent Application No: PCT/EP02/13952

Applicant:

Fast Technology AG

Inventors:

Lutz May

#### Torque Loss Messurement (FT Case Ref.27) 27.

This case has been abandoned.

Improved Torque Pulse Processing (FT Case Ref.28) 28.

The case has been abandoned.

#### Rotational Non-Uniformity Detection (FT Case Ref;29) 29.

International Patent Application No: PCT/EP02/14820

Applicant

Fast Technology AG

Inventors:

Lustz May

#### Pulse Torque Measurement APC (FT Case Ref:30) *(1*30.)

international Patent Application No: PCT/EP03/01908

Applicant

Fast Technology AG

Inventors:

**Lutz May** 

US Patent Application No: to be advised - awaiting official filing receipt

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# Linear Displacement Transducer (FT Case Ref.31)

International Patent Application No: PCT/EP03/01907

**Applicant** 

Fast Technology AG

inventors

Lutz May

# US Patent Application No: 10/,379,634

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# Linear Position Sensor (FT Case Ref:32)

Internetional Patent Application No: PCT/EP03/04955

Applicant:

Fast Technology AG

Inventors:

Lutz May: Georg Cuntze

US Patent Application No: 10/,419,995

Lutz May: Georg Cuntze

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# 33. Crossed Sensor Arrangement (FT Case Ref.\$3)

This case has yet to be filed.

# 34. Torque Sensor Adeptor (Golfath) (FT Case Ref.34)

British Patent Application No: 0219745.7
Applicant:
Inventors:
Lutz May, David L Kelly

# 37. Wire ass Torque Transducer (FT Case Ref:37)

British Pate nt Application No: 0222296.8
Applicant: Fast Technology AG unknown

38. (FT Case Ref.38)
This case was not handled by Lloyd Wise.

#### 39. (FI Case Ref:39)

British Patent Application No: 0303841.1
Applicant: Fast Technology AG
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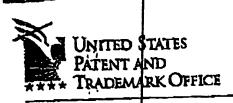
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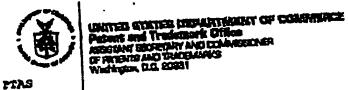
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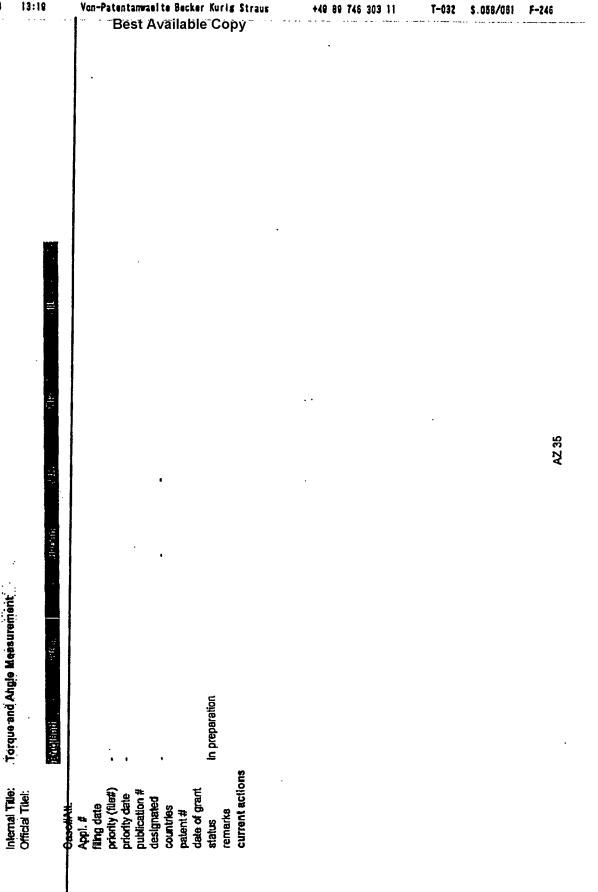
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Insolvenzverfahren über das Vermögen der Firma FAST Technology AG, Otto-Hahn-Str. 29, 85521 Ottobrunn

Hier: Inventar und Bilanz, "Sale and Transfer Agreement" mit Firma MDI

Sehr geehrter Herr May,

in meinem obengenannten Vertrag mit MDI habe ich mich verpflichtet, alles zu tun, um MDI die Inhaberschaft an sämtlichen IP's zu verschaffen. Die Kollegen Becker, Kurig, Straus haben Sie für MDI bereits aufgefordert, durch Unterzeichnung der notwendigen Erklärungen und Vollmachten dazu beizutragen, dass die erforderlichen Umschreibungen in den jeweiligen ausländischen Patentbehörden erfolgen können. Mit Schreiben vom 09.03.2004 haben Ihre anwaltschaftlichen Vertreter abgelehnt, Ihnen zur Unterzeichnung eines erbetenen Assignments zu raten. Ich wende mich daher in meiner Eigenschaft als Insolvenzverwalter der Firma FAST Technology AG direkt an Sie.

Sie wissen ganz genau, dass die entsprechenden IP's der Schuldnergesellschaft zustehen. Soweit entsprechende Rechte noch auf Ihren Namen lauten und eine dingliche Übertragung noch nicht stattgefunden haben sollte, sind Sie, was Ihnen ebenfalls bewusst ist, aufgrund des mit FAST Technology AG geschlossenen Dienstvertrages bzw. aufgrund Ihrer ehemaligen Stellung als gesetzlicher Vertreter dieser Gesellschaft verpflichtet, die erforderlichen Erklärungen zur Übertragung solcher Rechte abzugeben. Der Anspruch der Gesellschaft gegen die ehemaligen gesetzlichen Vertreter bzw. gegen ehemalige Mitarbeiter wurde mit dem oben genannten Kaufvertrag auf MDI übertragen. Mit Ihrer Weigerung, eindeutig der FAST zustehende immaterielle Vermögenswerte dieser zur Verwertung zu überlassen, begeben Sie sich in gefährliche Nähe möglicher strafrechtlicher Tatbestände. Ich möchte nicht versäumen Sie hierauf nachdrücklich hinzuweisen.

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den Patentanwälten Becker, Kurig, Straus wie von diesen erbeten vorzulegen. Nach erfolglosem Fristablauf werden sich gerichtliche Maßnahmen nicht vermeiden lassen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Dr. Hans von Gleichenstein Rechtsanwalt und vBP als Insolvenzverwalter



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Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. von Gleichenstein,

bezugnehmend auf Ihr Schreiben an Herrn Lutz May vom 22. März 2004, das an uns weitergeleitet wurde, liegen anscheinend Missverständnisse vor, die wir hoffen mit diesem Schreiben ausräumen zu können.

Zunächst ist festzustellen, dass Herr Lutz May jederzeit bereit ist, die entsprechenden Erklärungen /Unterschriften in den FAST Schutzrechten abzugeben, sobald uns Dokumente, wie beispielsweise das von Herrn Straus von Becker Kurig & Straus in seinem Schreiben an uns vom 10. März 2004 angegebene "Patent Transfer Deed", das sich laut Aussagen von Herrn Straus in seinen Akten befindet, die eine Übertragung der Schutzrechte von Herrn Lutz May auf Fast belegen, vorgelegt werden. Wir haben schon wiederholt bei dem Kollegen Herrn Straus von Becker Kurig & Straus nachgefragt uns eine Kopie dieses Patent Transfer Deeds zur Verfügung zu stellen, da wir keine Kopie dieses Dokuments in unseren Akten haben.

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Inanspruchnahmeerklärung durch FAST nicht existieren, vertreten wir die Auffassung, dass die von Herm Lutz May während seiner Tätigkeit für FAST getätigte Erfindungen nach § 8 Abs. 1 Nr. 3 ArbEG frei geworden sind, da der Arbeitgeber sie nicht innerhalb von 4 Monaten nach Eingang der Erfindungsmeldung in Anspruch genommen hat. Diese Freigabe wirkt ex tunc; die originär in der Person des Arbeitnehmers begründete Diensterfindung verbleibt dann bei dem Arbeitnehmer als Rechtsinhaber. Die Erfindung ist dann frei von dem Aneignungsrecht des Arbeitgebers gemäß § 6 Abs. 1 ArbEG. Es ist kein Rechtsübergang erfolgt und nach § 8 Abs. 2 ArbEG kann der Arbeitnehmer dann frei über die Diensterfindung verfügen. Laut Arbeitsvertrag bzw. Dienstvertrag zwischen Herm Lutz May und FAST ist unzweifelhaft das ArbEG anwendbar.

Lediglich ergänzend sei in diesem Zusammenhang darauf hinzuweisen, dass, falls entgegen unserer obigen Auffassung ein Rechtsübergang stattgefunden hat, Herm Lutz May im Falle einer Insolvenz bei Veräußerung der Diensterfindung ohne den Geschäftsbetrieb nach § 27 Abs. 2 ArbEG ein Vorkaufsrecht gehabt hätte.

Wir würden Sie bitten, zur obigen Betrachtung Stellung zu nehmen und uns darauf hinzuweisen, falls Ihrer Auffassung nach die obige Betrachtung falsch ist oder eventuell auf falschen Tatsachen beruht.

Wir möchten noch mal darauf hinweisen, dass Herr Lutz May grundsätzlich bereit ist, bei entsprechenden Nachweis eines Rechtsübergangs an FAST die entsprechenden Unterschriften/Erklärungen abzugeben. Ferner wäre Herr Lutz May gerne bereit, die Schutzrechte beispielsweise gegen eine Freilizenz auf Sie oder MDI zu übertragen. Auch wären Fragen der Unterlizenzierung oder einer Abgrenzungsvereinbarung zu alten MDI-Patenten zu diskutieren.

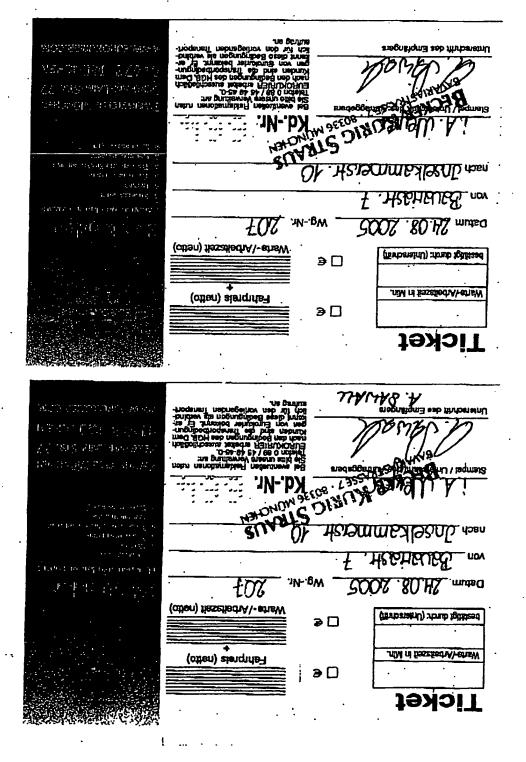
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Schr geehrte Damen und Herren,

hiermit bestätigen wir die ordnungsgemäße Abgabe der Kuriersendungen von oben genannter Anschrift, an den Empfänger in Unterhaching 82008, Inselkammerstr. am 24.08.2005.

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## ANNEX V

### **DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: TORQUE SIGNAL TRANSMISSION

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I hereby authorize our attorneys to insert the serial number assigned to this application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application, or §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith: Victor M. Wigman, Reg. No. 25,201; George C. Myers, Jr., Reg. No. 27,040; Donald R. Greene, Reg. No. 22,470; Michael C. Greenbaum, Reg. No. 28,419; Charles R. Wolfe, Jr., Reg. No. 28,680; Michael D. White, Reg. No. 32,795; Brian C. Jones, Reg. No. 37,857; David J. Edmondson, Reg. No. 35,126; Denise C. Lane, Reg. No. 42,780; Peter Weissman, Reg. No. 40,220; Brian WM. Higgins, Reg. No. 48,443; Minh-Quan K. Pham, Reg. No. 50,594; Thomas L. Willis, Jr., Reg. No. 53,778; and Tara L. Hoffman, Reg. No. 46,510.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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### **ASSIGNMENT**

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made on the date set forth below by Lutz Axel May, a German citizen, residing at Wolfratshauser Strasse 23a, Geretsried, 82538, Germany, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, said ASSIGNOR has invented certain new and useful improvements in <u>TORQUE SIGNAL TRANSMISSION</u> set forth in an International Application filed on September 24, 2003, in the office of the International examining authority and accorded <u>Application No. PCT/EP03/10634</u>, and set forth in a corresponding British application,

WHEREAS Abas, Inc., a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 7401 W. Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60706, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as set forth in said patent applications in the United States and around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR, by these presents does sell, assign, and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-mentioned invention, said patent application for Letters Patent, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said ASSIGNEE, for its own use and behoof and the use and behoof of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the ASSIGNOR, had this assignment not been made.

ALSO, ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute any documents that legally may be required in connection with the filing, prosecution and maintenance of said application or any other patent application(s) or inventor certificate(s) in the United States and in foreign countries for said Letters Patent, including additional documents that may be reasonably required to affirm the rights of ASSIGNEE in and to said invention and Letters Patent, all without further consideration.

ASSIGNOR also agrees, without further consideration and at ASSIGNEE'S expense, to identify and communicate to ASSIGNEE at ASSIGNEE'S reasonable request documents and information concerning the invention that are within ASSIGNOR'S possession or control, and to provide further assurances and testimony on behalf of ASSIGNEE that lawfully may be required of ASSIGNOR in respect of the prosecution, maintenance and defense of any patent application or patent encompassed within the terms of this instrument. ASSIGNOR'S obligations under this instrument shall extend to ASSIGNOR'S heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives.

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